# REVENUE FOR POLICE & FIRE





Let local units solve their budget problems by using technology to collect fine revenue that is needed for local services.





## Senate Bill 130

Thank you for taking the time to receive comments about legislation that will provide much needed revenue for critical public services. I appreciate your time and want to thank my Senator, Senator David Hildebrand, for introducing this legislation. The bill is very straight forward – it helps cash strapped local units by using existing technology to collect additional parking fines due from people by using a methodology already in place. Specifically, following the contact made via past due notices from the city, registered vehicle owners are put on notice in a third letter that the unpaid fines due are being sent to the District Court. If no response is made to the District Court after ten or more days, the court staff utilizes their link with the Secretary of State to flag the registered owner's record and keep them from renewing their driver's license. This is currently being done for hundreds of people owing six or more tickets. By reducing the threshold of parking tickets from six to three, the City of Grand Rapids can "electronically" reach out and collect a significant portion of the \$3,453,690 in unpaid parking fines we are owed.

The benefits from this legislation are that the cities and other communities will be able to collect additional amounts which are owed and can use the additional fine revenue to pay for critical Police and Fire services. In addition, persons owing parking fines will now be culpable to pay the fines due at a much more manageable level than when they accumulate six unpaid parking tickets. The revised law will help us reduce our lost fine revenue which totaled \$1,274,406 in parking fines that have been written off over the last three years.

At present, our Parking Violations Bureau mails a past due notice after the parking ticket is overdue 60 days. We send a final notice after 90 days informing the person that the parking ticket(s) may be sent to Court or our Collection Agency. If a person has six or more parking violation notices, they receive a letter indicating that the person must answer the civil infraction at the 61<sup>st</sup> District Court or pay the parking fines within 10 days. If the person fails to answer or pay the fines, the 61<sup>st</sup> District Court mails a Late Notice informing the person of the need to comply with the judgment rendered or there are consequences, including notifying the Secretary of State that the person failed to answer or pay the fines. The Secretary of State, after being informed of the failure of the person to comply with the requirements to answer or pay the parking fines, will not issue a license to the person or renew a license for the person until they have resolved all outstanding matters regarding the unpaid fines. The person must pay the fines and a \$45 driver license clearance fee to clear their record. The notice to the Secretary of State occurs via an electronic network utilized by the District Court and the process is automated to "flag" their license record.

The City of Grand Rapids Mayor, our City Commissioners, and our District Court wholeheartedly support this bill and encourage you to assist local units such as Grand Rapids as we address our revenue shortfall. If you have any questions or wish to contact me for further information, please e-mail me at <a href="mailto:amooney@grcity.us">amooney@grcity.us</a> or call me at <a href="mailto:amooney@grcity.us">(616)</a> 456-3285. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Albert C. Mooney

Grand Rapids City Treasurer



## CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN

# OVERDUE NOTICE OF PARKING VIOLATION FIRST NOTICE

Notice Date 04/09/2010

The parking violation ticket(s) issued against your vehicle is overdue. Please promptly remit payment to avoid additional fines. For questions, or if you wish to contest this matter by requesting a Civil Infraction Hearing to be scheduled at the 61st District Court with a Magistrate, please contact the Parking Violations Bureau in person or via telephone at 616-456-3020.

Failure to respond may result in the issuance of a civil infraction citation and court action. You may be prevented from renewing your driver's license and additional fines may be imposed, plus court costs.

GRAND RAPIDS

MI 49503

# Ticket No. License No. Date Issued Next Fine Date\*Payment Activity Amount Due 37107140 CAY0375 02/10/2010 09:34 05/11/10 \$ 40.00

### Total Amount Due as of 04/09/2010: \$40.00

- \* Original fine doubles after 10 days and triples after 90 days following issue date if violation is not paid in full.
- \* Payment amounts may represent late payments that did not satisfy doubled or tripled fines. \* Amount due may represent penalties for late payment.

Please disregard this notice if you have remitted your payment for the violations listed above.

|          |   | PAYMENT OPTIO                 | )NS |  |
|----------|---|-------------------------------|-----|--|
| <u> </u> | Pay in person at the City Treasurer's Office located at 300 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids,      | MI                            |     | Pay by fax machine with a credit card (Disc, MC, and Visa), for no fee. Call 616-456-3020 and request the City |
| ा        | Mall check or money order to:   |                               |     | of Grand Rapids Treasurer's fax payment form.  |
|          | PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU   |                               | -   | Pay online, for a fee, by credit card(Visa, MC) or check at  |
|          | 300 MONROE AVE NW RM 220  | -                             |     | www.REMIT-ONLINE.com/616001  |
|          | GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503  |                               |     | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·  |
| 3        | Pay at the City of Grand Rapids Treasurer's pay located on Ottawa Ave NW, across from the Cal | ment drop box E<br>der Plaza. |     | Pay by credit card by phone, for a fee, by calling<br>1-877-495-0333. (Amex, Disc, MC, and Visa)               |
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## PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT TO THE PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU

| Ticket No. | License No. | Date Issued | Next Fine Date* Payment Activity | Amount Due |
|------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 37107140   | CAY0375     | 02/10/10    | 05/11/10                         | \$ 40.00   |

DO NOT SEND CASH

PLEASE INDICATE

TICKET NUMBER(S)

ON CHECK

Make check or money order payable to: . GRAND RAPIDS CITY TREASURER, and mail to

Total Amount Due as of 04/09/2010: \$40.00

300 MONROE AVE NW RM 220 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

| PAYMENT |    |
|---------|----|
| AMOUNT: | \$ |



# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN

## OVERDUE NOTICE OF PARKING VIOLATION FINAL NOTICE

Notice Date 03/23/2009

This is the final notice that one or more of the below listed parking violation ticket(s) issued against your vehicle is overdue. Please promptly remit payment.

Accounts not paid within 30 days of this notice date may be turned over to the 61st District Court and/or a collection agency. A civil infraction citation can be issued and you may be prevented from renewing your driver's license. Further, the court may impose a fine of up to \$100, plus costs. All vehicles with six or more delinquent tickets are subject to impoundment. For questions please call 616-456-3020,

ROCKFORD

MI 49341

| Ticket No.                       | License No.                          | Date Issued                                  | Next Fine Date*                              | Payment Activity  | Amount Due                                   |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| 25043406<br>25043756<br>25044305 | 4HNR42<br>4HNR42<br>4HNR42<br>4HNR42 | 12/17/07<br>12/18/07<br>12/19/07<br>12/20/07 | 03/16/08<br>03/17/08<br>03/18/08<br>03/19/08 | *Payment Received* *Payment Received* *Payment Received* *Payment Received* | \$ 24.00<br>\$ 24.00<br>\$ 24.00<br>\$ 24.00 |

## Total Amount Due as of 03/23/2009: \$96.00

- \* Original fine doubles after 10 days and triples after 90 days following issue date if violation is not paid in full.
- · Payment amounts may represent late payments that did not satisfy doubled or tripled fines. \* Amount due may represent penalties for late payment.

Please disregard this notice if you have remitted your payment for the violations listed above.

PAYMENT OPTIONS Pay in person at the City Treasurer's Office located at 300 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI Pay by fax machine with a credit card (Disc, MC, and Visa), for no fee. Call 616-456-3020 and request the City of Grand Rapids Mail check or money order to: Treasurer's fax payment form. PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU 300 MONROE AVE NW RM 220 Pay online, for a fee, by credit card(Visa, MC) or check at 9 **GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503** www.REMIT-ONLINE.com/616001 Pay at the City of Grand Rapids Treasurer's payment drop box located on 13 Ottawa Ave NW, across from the Calder Plaza. Pay by credit card by phone, for a fee, by calling 1-877-495-0333. (Amex, Disc, MC, and Visa)

# PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT TO THE PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU

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| 25042986<br>25043406<br>25043756<br>25044305 | 4HNR42<br>4HNR42<br>4HNR42<br>4HNR42 | 12/17/07<br>12/18/07<br>12/19/07<br>12/20/07 | 03/17/08<br>03/18/08 | *Payment Received* *Payment Received* *Payment Received* *Payment Received* | \$ 24.00<br>\$ 24.00<br>\$ 24.00<br>\$ 24.00 |  |  |

DO NOT SEND CASH

PLEASE INDICATE TICKET NUMBER(S) ON CHECK

Make check or money order payable to: GRAND RAPIDS CITY TREASURER, and mail to 300 MONROE AVE NW RM 220 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

Total Amount Due as of 03/23/2009: \$96.00

PAYMENT AMOUNT: \$\_



# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

DECEMBER 31,

Grand Rapids, MI 49508

SUBJECT: CIVIL INFRACTION #(s) SIX OR MORE

TOTALING \$870.00

PARKING VIOLATIONS

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please be advised that the enclosed civil infraction(s) complaint(s) has been issued and filed, thereby transferring your delinquent parking violations to the 61ST DISTRICT COURT. The Grand Rapids Parking Violations Bureau will no longer accept any payment for these violations. If you do not wish further action by the 61ST DISTRICT COURT, payment must be tendered in person, by mail, or by representative to the 61ST DISTRICT COURT, 180 OTTAWA AVE. NW, SUITE 1400, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503, on or before JANUARY 21, 2008.

Unless you make payment in full, by the date given, you are directed to appear at the Court to answer to the complaint. Failure to answer the civil infraction will result in the entry of a default judgment by the Court. The end result may be additional court costs incurred, a bench warrant may be issued, the matter will be forwarded to the 61st District Court Collection Agency, and notice will be given to the credit bureau. The City is initiating the chain of events defined by the law which states the Court may notify the Secretary of State and the Secretary of State shall not issue a license to persons with six or more delinquent parking violations.

Please give this matter your immediate attention. Note should be made that, as indicated on the previous parking violations you have received, your vehicle may be subject to impound unless payment is made on your parking violations. If you have any questions, please contact the 61ST DISTRICT COURT at (616)

Very truly yours,

Albert C. Mooney

City Treasurer

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| STATE OF MICHIGAN  | TICKETNO. G09914             |                                 |                           |                      |                                       |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| UNIFORM LAW CITATION   |                              |                                 |                           |                      |                                       |
|  |                              |                                 |                           |                      |                                       |
|  | INCIDENT NO.                 |                                 |                           |                      | •                                     |
| THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY   | LOCAL USE/ARREST NO.         |                                 | DETECTION DEVICE          |                      |                                       |
| OF GRAND RAPIDS, MI  |                              |                                 |                           | 1                    | 105                                   |
| THE UNDERSIGNED MONTH/D/<br>SAYS THAT ON: 28-Dec-07                      | 1                            | AT ABOUT<br>9:00 a.m.           | DATE OF BIRTH             | MONTH/DA             |                                       |
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| OFFENSE CODE 10.58(A)(B), 10.41,   | 10.70                        |                                 | •                         |                      |                                       |
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State of Michigan CITY PARKING ENFORCEMENT In the 61st District Court Case Number: LATE NOTICE Kent County Courthouse, Suite 1400, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2751 2010-OK-0400003 Phone: (616) 632-5525 CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS VS.

Citation No.:

0400003

TO:

GRAND RAPIDS MI 49506

TO THE DEFENDANT:

Regarding notice of failure to comply with:

Failure to Pay Fines and Fees -

Charges:

Parking - Failed to pay six or more

Issued:

4/7/2010

Amount Due: \$830.00

This letter is to inform you that any parking tickets previously owed to the City Treasurer's Office are now due to be paid at the 61st District Court. You have been notified of this process by letter from the City Treasurer's Office

# If you fail to comply with the judgment rendered in this case on or before $\frac{7/01/2010}{1}$

- Drivers License will be put on hold immediately.
- Drivers License will not be issued/renewed if six or more parking tickets
- A bench warrant may be issued for your arrest with warrant fees added to amount of your judgment. 4. Discovery Subpoena
- Garnishment (Wage-Bank-Income Tax) 5.
- 6. Execution Against Property
- Vehicle Impound

All cost for court action will be incurred by defendant and added to original fees. Payment may be made in person or by mail and must be received by this court no later than the due date above. Return this notice with your payment.

# Accepted forms of payment:

Visa/Mastercard, accepted in person or On Line At www.grcourt.org - Cash - Personal Check - Money Order -

- \* The Court also offers a Work Program.
- \* Payment plans may be available by request.

6/1/2010

Vickie Morren

Date

Deputy Court Clerk/Magistrate

# CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on this date a copy of this order was sent by ordinary mail to the person and address as shown above.

6/1/2010

DR

Date

Deputy Court Clerk/Magistrate

# NOTICE ON THE PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD

WebStation - Print Screen

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MAY DRIVE TO AND FROM
RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT,
DURING EMPLOYMENT, TO
TRIMENT AND/OR SUPPORT GROUP
MTGS, TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED
TRIMENT FOR SERIOUS MEDICAL
CONDITION, TO PROBATION,
COMMUNITY SERVICE AND
SCHOOL, MUST CARRY PROOF OF
DESTINATIONS AND HOURS,
MIP/OPEN/TRANS

\*\*\*\* 04/29/2005 MIP/OPEN/TRANS FEE PAID 04/29/2005

03/15/2006 KALAMAZOO-C CF # 060K1456

01/31/2006 SPEED 35/30 -PA \* 01/20/2006 02/02/2006 GRAND RAPIDS 6 OR MORE UNPAID PARKING TICKETS

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(PREPARED IN COMPLIANCE WITH MCL 257.733)



## STATE OF MICHIGAN TERRI LYNN LAND, SECRETARY OF STATE

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANSING

NOVEMBER 13, 2010

I O Fines 3 Ormore Tickets Ln Grand Rapids MI 49503

F-326-792-429-025

# NOTICE TO RENEW YOUR DRIVER LICENSE

Your Driver License is about to expire. Our records show that you failed to appear in court or failed to comply with the court judgement for the traffic Violation(s) listed below, which resulted in suspension of your driving privilege; or failed to pay 6 or more parking tickets in the court listed below, which makes you ineligible to receive a

To renew your license you must:

- Settle each ticket with the court and obtain a clearance card
- Bring the clearance card(s) to any Secretary of State branch office so that you will be eligible to renew. (This can be done by mail per instructions at bottom of the clearance card.)

You may then apply for renewal of your Driver License.

If you have any questions please contact your local Secretary of State

\* \* \* DATE OF SUSPENSION

COURT DT TICKET OR FILE # DATE

120

COURT LOCATION

12/29/2009 VIOLATION: 6 OR MORE UNPAID PARKING 02/08/2010 TICKETS

GRAND RAPIDS

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